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## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 94-291-C - ORDER NO. 95-1708 NOVEMBER 28, 1995

IN RE: Application of Telecommunications Service )
Center for a Certificate of Public ) ORDER
Convenience and Necessity to Provide ) APPROVING
Resold Long Distance Telecommunications ) SURETY
Service, Including Related Operator ) BOND
Services and Debit Card Services.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a letter from Telecommunications Service Center ("TSC" or "the Applicant") in which the Applicant requests that it be allowed to provide a \$5000 surety bond instead of a Certificate of Deposit as required by Order No. 94-1147.

TSC was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold long distance telecommunications services, including related operator services and debit card services, by Commission Order No. 94-1147, dated November 2, 1994. In Order No. 94-1147, the Commission ordered that the Applicant must post a \$5000 certificate of deposit as a "bond" prior to the offering of the debit card services. The Applicant now requests the Commission to allow the posting a surety bond instead of the certificate of deposit.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission believes that the Applicant should be allowed to post a surety bond instead of a certificate of deposit. The purpose of the "bond" is to protect the public, and the Commission believes that a surety bond will provide adequate and sufficient protection for the public.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. TSC shall post a \$5000 surety bond with the Commission prior to offering its debit card services. The surety bond shall be issued by a duly licensed bonding or insurance company authorized to do business in South Carolina.
- 2. This Order shall remain in effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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